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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS HERE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THAT FRIDAY, JULY 30, WHICH WE HAD OFFERED FOR SPASO RECEPTION, WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE CONFLICT IN SCHEDULE WOULD PRECLUDE ATTENDANCE OF SOVIET GUESTS. GEOGRAPHERS HAVE ASKED WHETHER MONDAY, AUG. 2, WOULD BE FEASIBLE DATE FOR 6:30 TO 8:00 RECEPTION. WE TOLD THEM THAT WE WRE NOT SURE OF YOUR SCHEDULE AND WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE US TO SCHEDULE RECEPTION THAT EVENING (IT WOULD INVOLVE 50 - 60 PEOPLE), OR SIMPLY TELL GEOGRAPHERS THAT YOUR SCHEDULE UNFORTUNATELY MAKES RECEPTION IMPOSSIBLE AT THAT TIME?

2. SINCE WE ALREADY HAVE PRETTY GOOD CONTACTS WITH SOVIET CHINA SPECIALISTS AND NO ACCESS PROBLEMS, WE DOUBT THAT WE COULD JUSTIFY USE OF CU FUNDS TO DEFRAY CHOUGH'S TRAVEL EXPENSES.

3. BREMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PORTION OF DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

4. WE DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE TEXT OF REPPERT ARTICLE. IT
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MAY, OF COURSE, SURFACE IN IHT, BUT WAS NOT ON OUR AP

TICKER. LATTER CARRIED REPERT ARTICLE REFERRING TO PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO BREZHNEV, BUT IT CONTAINED NOTHING ABOUT SPECIAL TESTS.

5. SANDRA GUST CONTACTED FICTOR LOUIS AGAIN JULY 26 TO REMIND HIM THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR TOURIST VISA EXPIRES AUGUST 1. HE SAID HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY MAKE THE TRIP DURING THE COMING MONTH. HIS PLANS WEREN'T VERY FIRM, BUT THOUGHT THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD PROBABLY NOW RESCHEDULE THEIR TRIP FOR EITHER OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. HE AND HIS WIFE BOTH MENTIONED HOW DISAPPOINTED HE IS OVER ALASKA. DO WE PRESUME CORRECTLY THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEM IN OBTAINING AN AMENDMENT OF HIS WAIVER TO PERMIT HIS VISIT WHEN HE INFORMS US THAT HE IS READY?

6. WE'VE RECEIVED ANOTHER MFA NOTE REQUESTING VISAS FOR SOVIET TRACE UNIONISTS, THIS TIME AT THE INVITATION OF COLLIN GONZE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, U.A.W. OUR VISA TELEGRAM FOLLOWS. WE EXPECT THE DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL AND UNLESS WE ARE INSTRUCTED DIFFERENTLY SHALL UTILIZE THE PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR THE U.M.W.

7. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SOMEONE COULD CALL ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL IN CONCORD, N.H., AND FIND OUT WHAT FEES WILL BE FOR COMING ACADEMIC YEAR. (I NEED FIGURE TO FILE ALLOWANCE FORM.)

8. RE PARA 6, STATE 184917, WOULD HOPE THAT REPLY IN ONE INSTANCE COULD BE SUPPLIED SOONER. SPECIFIC INQUIRY SENT YESTERDAY.

9. HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED RECENTLY REGARDING SOV'S CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPANESE ON SOVIET AFFAIRS? THESE USED TO BE FAIRLY USEFUL EXERCISE, PARTICULARLY IN CONVEYING TO JAPANESE RATIONALE FOR OUR POLICIES AND RECEIVING IN TURN A FEEL FOR THEIR THINKING.

10. HAVE REVIEWED AIRLINE SITUATION WITH YALOWITZ IN WAKE OF LATEST LETTER TO PANAM RE CHARTERS. OUR FILES MAY BE CONFIDENTIAL

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MISSING SOMETHING, BECAUSE WE UNABLE TO FIND BASIS FOR OUR PREVIOUS ASSUMPTION THAT FREQUENCIES WOULD DROP TO TWO PER WEEK FROM OCTOBER 31. IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE PREFERABLE IF THEY COULD DROP TO ONE A WEEK IN THE ABSENCE OF RENEWAL OF CHARTER UNDERSTANDING, SINCE THIS WOULD REQUIRE SOVIETS TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SERVING NY OR WASHINGTON. AS I RECALL, CHARTER UNDERSTANDING WAS PART OF 1973 PACKAGE WHICH GRANTED SOVIETS RIGHT TO WASHINGTON. IF CHARTER UNDERSTANDING NOT

CONTINUED BY SOVIETS, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY THEY SHOULD RETAIN
RIGHT TO SERVE BOTH CITIES. (I REALIZE THAT THERE ARE
TECHNICAL COMPLICATIONS HERE SINCE WE DON NOT TRACE SCHEDULED
SERVICES FOR CHARTER RIGHTS, AND VICE VERSA.) APPRECIATE
YOUR THOUGHTS ON SUBJECT. BASICALLY, I FEEL THAT IT IS
TIME FOR CAB TO GO AHEAD AND RULE THAT TICKETS FOR AEROFLOT
MUST BE ISSUED ON PANAM STOCK, BUT ALSO FEEL THAT DEPRIVING
AEROFLOT OF ONE OF ITS TWO CITIES WOULD BE MUCH MORE
POWERFUL LEVERAGE IF SUCH IS FEASIBLE. PANAM WOULD NOT BE
HURT VERY MUCH BY ONE WINTER FREQUENCY, BUT IT WOULD OF COURSE
BE A MAJOR BLOW TO AEROFLOT. AND I SEE NO REASON WHY AEROFLOT
SHOULD BENEFIT FROM 1973 AGREEMENT IF THEY DO NOT ABIDE BY IT,
INCLUDING EXTENSION OF CHARTER AGREEMENT WHICH WAS PART OF
1973 PACKAGE.
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